Review Sheet for U.S. History Test on the 1850s

# Terms (Fill-ins)

Missouri Compromise

36o30’ Line

President James Polk

John C. Fremont

Treaty of Guadaloupe-Hildalgo

David Wilmot

Stephen Douglas

Kansas-Nebraska Act

“popular sovereignty”

John Brown

Pottawatomie Creek

“Bleeding Kansas”

Charles Sumner

Preston Brooks

Abraham Lincoln

Harper’s Ferry, VA

Colonel Robert E. Lee

“Lower South”

John C. Breckinridge

Constitutional Union Party

John Bell

secessionist

### Potential Short Answer Questions (3 out of 4) (answer in a paragraph)

* Northerners believed that the Mexican War was a war to expand slavery, while President James K. Polk fought it to fulfill America’s “Manifest Destiny.” Which side was right and why?
* What was the Wilmot Proviso?
* What was the Freeport Doctrine and why did it make it difficult for Stephen Douglas to be elected to the Presidency?
* Why was the case of *Dred Scott v. Sanford* so significant?
* Describe John Brown’s Raid and how it impacted the nation.